

MEMORANDUM

August 16, 2002

TO: Mabel Murphree
FROM: John Sewell
RE: Quotes re: jobs, education, leadership

Mabel,

I hope these are useful for you. Let me know if you need anything else. If at all possible, we'd like to see a draft of the publication these statements will be used in before they are printed. Thanks.

Leadership: The success of the programs we propose for our states is determined to a great extent by the leadership we demonstrate in making those programs a reality. How do we best provide our children with the skills they will need to succeed in the workplace? What can we do in the area of workforce training to help adults get good jobs and provide for their families? Where do we find the necessary resources to meet these challenges?

We have to know, first and foremost, where we want to go and how we want to get there. There are other determining factors, to be sure, but the needs of those we serve demand leadership, leadership that comes through action and not through position.

Jobs: The work we do to bring jobs to Mississippi is about much more than just statistics. It is about food on the table and a warm bed at night. It is about opportunities for our children and their parents. It is about self-respect, self-confidence and a sense of security.

Education: Creating jobs for the people of Mississippi has become a trademark of my administration, but building a future for the children of our state through quality education is my personal passion.

It's exciting to think about what we can do with education as a priority. There is no limit to what can happen. Horizons are broadened; the sky is the limit.

